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### **84th Civil Support Team certification ceremony**

CHEYENNE – The official activation ceremony of the Wyoming National Guard's 84th Civil Support Team will occur at 9:30 a.m., on June 1, at the Wyoming Air National Guard Dining Facility, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyo.

In March the 84th CST was certified by the Department of Defense. Gov. Dave Freudenthal and Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general will officially activate the team for emergency response and recognize Lt. Col. Peter Linde as commander.

DoD certification means the team is fully ready to assist civil authorities in response to a domestic weapons of mass destruction incident and possesses the requisite skills, training and equipment to be proficient in all mission requirements.

This ceremony will recognize the 84th CST's success and rigorous individual and team qualification process that began in November 2004. The 22 person unit is staffed with both Army and Air National Guard command and control, communications, and weapons of mass destruction specialists who are full time Wyoming National Guardsmen.

"This is just one more example of the incredible contributions our Wyoming National Guard makes to the state and to the nation," said Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general. "This unit will play an invaluable role in preventing and responding to any terrorist incidents on U.S. soil, and will help make us safer and more secure."

The 84th CST joins the nation's 47 other operational civil support teams in providing the force structure and this unique DoD capability and expertise to assist the governors in preparing for and responding to chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear incidents, as part of the state emergency management structures.

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Note: Members of the media wishing to view the ceremony on June 1 should call Master Sgt. Trudy Woodcock at (307) 772-5229 for access to the base.